

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) An anode for a nonaqueous secondary battery comprising:

a pair of current collecting surface layers of which the surfaces are adapted to be brought into contact with an electrolytic solution [and],

the current collecting surface layers having a thickness of 0.3 to 10 μ m,

at least one active material layer interposed between the surface layers,

the active material layer containing particles of an active material having high capability of forming a lithium compound,

microvoids being open on the surface of the current collecting surface layers, extending in the thickness direction of the current collecting surface layers, and leading to the active material layer so as to provide fluid communication between the surface of the collecting surface layers and the active material,

the current collecting surface layer comprising a metallic material having low capability of forming a lithium compound,

the metallic material being present over the whole thickness of the active material layer,

and

~~interstices~~ interstices between individual active material particles in the active material layer leaving voids.

2. (previously presented) The anode for a nonaqueous secondary battery according to claim 1, wherein the metallic material making up the surfaces that is present over the whole thickness of the active material layer electrically connects the two surfaces so that the anode has a current collecting function as a whole.

3. (original) The anode for a nonaqueous secondary battery according to claim 1, wherein the surface layers each have a thickness of 0.3 to 10 μm .

4. (canceled)

5. (original) The anode for a nonaqueous secondary battery according to claim 1, wherein the surface layers each

comprise copper, nickel, iron, cobalt or an alloy of these metals.

6. (original) The anode for a nonaqueous secondary battery according to claim 1, wherein the surface layers are layers formed by electroplating.

7-26. (canceled)